Admissions in MBBS Course from the discretionary Quota of the Health Minister

69. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of seats for admissions in M.B.B.S. course all over the country the Minister of Health has got under his discretionary quota;

(b) how many seats for admission in M.B.B.S. course have been released by the Minister of Health from his discretionary quota for the year 1994 and what was the criteria fixed/adopted for the selection of seats from the Hon'ble Health Minister's discretionary quota;

(c) the number of students from foreign countries who were benefited from the said quota through the Minister of External Affairs, with details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Health Minister has given admissions to foreign students himself directly from his discretionary quota?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There is no discretionary quota as such for admission to M.B.B.S. course with the Minister of Health & Family Welfare.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Expenditure on Health

70. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total expenditure of Government on Health is 1.5 per cent of the GDP.

(b) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommended for 5 per cent of the GDP;

(c) whether Government took any action to implement the WHO's recommendation to increase the expenditure on health; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) to (d) According to Human Development Report, 1994 of the United Nation Development Programme, the percentage of public expenditure on health in India is 1.3 percent of the Gross Domestic Produce (1990). However the total expenditure on health (public and private) as per that Report is 6 per cent of GDP (1990). At the 34th World Health Assembly in 1981, 12 global indicators had been adopted to evaluate the strategies for 'Health for All' by the year 2000AD. One of these indicators is the numbers of countries in which at least 5 percent of Gross National Product (GNP) is spent on Health. Health is assigned a pro-rata shares of the total public sector outlay keeping in mind the priorities. In order to improve the allocation for Health, Government has inter-alia sought external assistance to support the National and State Programme and projects in Health and Family Welfare sectors.

Incidents of Malaria in tribal districts of Orissa

71. SHRI RAHASDIHARI DARIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing death toll on account of Malaria in undivided Koraput, Keonjhar and several other tribal populated districts in Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of people died in those districts; and

(c) the details of the steps proposed to be taken for the people suffering from Malria in those districts to check any further death?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN-